

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Talladega County Commission, AL

Address of Requesting Entity: 17 S Tinney Street, Talladega, Alabama 35160

Description of Request: "Cheaha State Park Talladega National Forest Tourism Access" Taxpayer justification—It is my understanding that this funding will be used to connect Alabama Highway 21 and County Road 482. This project is a wise use of taxpayer dollars because it is intended to create more access to the National Park and a direct public benefit.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: HUD, EDI account, \$250,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Ashland, AL

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 849, Ashland, Alabama 36251

Description of Request: "Ashland Industrial Park infrastructure improvements" Taxpayer justification—It is my understanding that the funding will get essential infrastructure to the Industrial Park including sewer, water and road improvements. This project is a wise use of taxpayer dollars because it will provide private investment and job creation.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: HUD, EDI account, \$250,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Tuskegee, AL

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 830687, Tuskegee, Alabama 36083

Description of Request: "Tuskegee Industrial Park development" Taxpayer justification—It is my understanding that the funding will be used to complete phase one of the development of the Tuskegee Industrial Park. It will encourage economic development in one of the most economically depressed counties in the state and in the black belt region.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: HUD, EDI account, \$250,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Randolph County Industrial Development Council, AL

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 566, Roanoke, Alabama 36274

Description of Request: "Industrial Park South infrastructure improvements" Taxpayer justification—It is my understanding that the funding will be used to develop Industrial Park South's infrastructure. Economic development and job creation is becoming more and more important to all taxpayers as the economic condition in the country continues to deteriorate. Efforts such as this one being proposed by the Randolph County Industrial Development Council are being initiated all over the country. The need for this park, so that Randolph County can enter the search for industries and jobs, particularly those associated with suppliers to the new KIA plant, is extremely important.

COMMEMORATING THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, this year marks the 35th anniversary of the Legal Serv-

ices Corporation (LSC), the single largest provider of civil legal aid for the poor in the nation. Established by Congress in 1974, LSC is a private, nonprofit organization that promotes equal access to justice and provides grants for high-quality civil legal assistance to low-income Americans. The people who come to LSC-funded programs for help are the most vulnerable among us: women seeking protection from abuse, mothers trying to obtain child support, families facing unlawful evictions or foreclosures that could leave them homeless, disaster victims trying to obtain federal emergency assistance or insurance payments to rebuild their lives. In fact, three out of four clients are women—many of whom are struggling to keep their children safe and their families together.

LSC's work is more important than ever before, partly because of the impact of the current recession. Economic downturns affect the poor disproportionately and add to the pressures on the nation's public health and safety, child welfare, housing and jobs programs. Ensuring that the poor are adequately represented in the civil judicial system greatly improves their chances of keeping or securing basic necessities—the keys to stability and self-sufficiency. It also helps keep communities healthy. For low-income individuals and families, legal services often represent their only means of access to the justice system.

Nearly 51 million people—including 17.6 million children—are eligible for LSC-funded services. LSC-funded programs close nearly one million cases per year nationwide and provide other assistance to more than five million people. The clients served are at or below 125 percent of the federal poverty threshold, an income of about \$27,000 a year for a family of four. An overwhelming demand for civil legal services exists. Based on a 2005 study, 50 percent of eligible potential clients requesting assistance from LSC-funded programs are turned away for lack of adequate program resources. At a time when poor Americans are struggling to keep their jobs, homes, and basic necessities for their families, it is crucial for the federal government to continue to address the civil legal needs of these vulnerable people as a national priority. Fortunately, LSC has broad bipartisan support for a strong federal role in access to equal justice efforts.

On the occasion of the 35th anniversary of the Legal Services Corporation, I welcome my fellow Members of Congress to join me in recognizing the critical role that the Legal Services Corporation plays in helping America live up to its commitment to ensure equal access to justice for all. LSC and its grantees are to be commended for the vital work they do every day on behalf of clients in desperate need of counsel.

CONGRATULATING LITHUANIA ON
1000TH ANNIVERSARY

SPEECH OF

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H. Res. 285, congratulating the people of the Republic of Lithuania on the one-thousandth anniversary of Lithuania and

celebrating the rich history of Lithuania. I congratulate Lithuania on this important anniversary and extend many happy returns to the Lithuanian people. I thank my esteemed colleague, Congressman SHIMKUS, for introducing this important legislation.

As co-chair of the House Baltic Caucus I have worked to advance the strong ties that exist between the United States and Lithuania. I look forward to strengthening diplomatic ties through the promotion of democratic values that support both social and economic justice. The Baltic people have a proud history that shows their dedication to these values as well as the values of liberty and democracy. I am proud that our two nations share such a strong commitment to democracy and diplomacy.

Lithuania's history is long and laudable. In recent years Lithuania has advanced its status as an international citizen. Lithuania declared independence from the former Soviet Union on March 11, 1990. Along with the other Baltic States, Latvia and Estonia, Lithuania became a member of NATO in March of 2004. Just two months later in May 2004 Lithuania joined the European Union with her Baltic counterparts.

On July 12, 2009, Lithuania made history once again by swearing in their first female president, Dalia Grybauskaitė. President Grybauskaitė has reaffirmed Lithuania's commitment to our many shared values. Under her leadership, Lithuania continues to show a clear commitment to uphold equality, freedom of speech and human rights.

She has stated her intention to amend a controversial censorship law scheduled to enter force on March 1, 2010. The law has been criticized by gay rights activists and others for discriminating against homosexuals by prohibiting references to homosexuality in media available to children.

I commend President Grybauskaitė for her commitment to uphold equality and human rights for all people. I congratulate Lithuania on its one-thousandth anniversary and will continue to celebrate Lithuania's rich history. I strongly support this legislation and urge my colleagues to do so as well.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOE BARTON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to submit documentation consistent with the Republican Earmark Standards.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOE BARTON

Bill Number: H.R. 3288—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill

Account: Transportation, Community & Systems Preservation or Surface Transportation Projects

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: The City of Ennis

Address of Receiving Entity: P.O. Box 220, Ennis, TX 75120

Description of Request: I have secured \$500,000 in funding to be used for project design and construction of US HWY 287 from State HWY 34 to 1-45.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOE BARTON

Bill Number: H.R. 3288—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill

Account: Bus and Bus Facilities

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Fort Worth Transportation Authority (The T)

Address of Receiving Entity: 1600 Lancaster Ave., Fort Worth, TX 76102

Description of Request: I have secured \$750,000 in funding to be used to purchase 12 Compressed Natural Gas fueled coaches to replace the oldest vehicles in The T's fleet.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOE BARTON

Bill Number: H.R. 3288—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill

Account: FAA F&E

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: The City of Arlington

Address of Receiving Entity: 101 W. Abram, P.O. 90231, MS 01-0310, Arlington, TX 76004-0231

Description of Request: I have secured \$637,000 in funding to be used for construction and installation of a MALSR (Medium Approach Lighting System) at the Arlington Municipal Airport to supplement and enhance the existing Instrument Landing System (ILS) for Runway 34.

CELEBRATING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF APOLLO 11 MOON LANDING

SPEECH OF

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2009

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to support H. Res. 607, a resolution that celebrates the 40th anniversary of the Apollo 11 lunar landing. This resolution honors Neil Armstrong, Edwin Eugene "Buzz" Aldrin, Michael Collins, and the countless number of individuals and organizations who helped the United States become the first Nation in the world to set foot on the Moon.

I want to thank Congressman RALPH HALL for introducing this resolution, which celebrates the anniversary of one of our country's most important accomplishments. As a former Member of the House Science and Technology Committee, I am proud that this resolution recognizes the first human spaceflight along with those organizations, such as the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) Mission Control Center, located in Houston, Texas, whose efforts played an instrumental role in extending our country's reach to new frontiers.

President John F. Kennedy set a goal to reach the Moon by the end of the 1960s. He expressed admiration for this goal during a speech he gave before a joint session of Congress on May 25, 1961. During that speech, President Kennedy said, "I believe that this nation should commit itself to achieving the goal, before this decade is out, of landing a man on the Moon and returning him safely to the Earth."

Nearly 8 years later, on July 16, 1969, the Eagle landed, making Neil Armstrong and

Buzz Aldrin the first people to ever walk on the Moon. This accomplishment launched the United States to the top of the science and space world. Armstrong and Aldrin represented not only themselves, but the entire Nation, as the United States became the first country to put men on the Moon.

As we prepare for future space explorations, the Apollo spaceflight will continue to inspire us to push the limits of future missions, especially as we tackle some of our most pressing problems, like climate change. This resolution reminds us that we must once again reach for the stars. And, with the confirmation of General Charles Bolden, the first African American to head the agency, the United States is poised to reaffirm its prominence by boldly pushing the boundaries of space, aeronautics and exploration in the 21st century.

Again, I would like to thank my good friend Congressman HALL for introducing this resolution and I encourage all my colleagues to join me in supporting it.

THE BURLESON DECLARATION

HON. CHET EDWARDS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. EDWARDS of Texas. Madam Speaker, to honor the request of a group of citizens from Burleson, Texas in my district, I rise today to enter into the RECORD the following resolution:

THE BURLESON DECLARATION

When, in the course of human events it becomes necessary for "we the people" of the United States to remind our federal government of its constitutional limits, duty demands that we communicate our grievances and petition for redress under the First Amendment of the United States Constitution.

We begin by reaffirming the core values on which our forefathers founded this Constitutional Republic.

We hold these truths to be self evident—that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.

That to secure these rights our forefathers instituted a limited federal government which derives its just powers from the consent of the governed—but the history of our Federal government is one of continual overreaching beyond its constitutional mandate to secure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity.

We are therefore peaceably assembled here in Burleson, Texas on this April 15th, 2009 to demand that the Federal government immediately cease its abridgement of the People's rights, and the state's rights.

We call on our District 17 U.S. Representative Chet Edwards to read this our petition for redress on the House floor so that it may be entered into the official record of the House. We call on our U.S. Senators Kay Bailey Hutchison and John Cornyn to enter our petition into the Senate record. We call on President Barak Hussein Obama to veto all legislation and desist from Executive Orders which contravene the will of the people herein expressed.

Whereas, the encouragement of private and public debt by the federal government has brought America to the brink of financial

devastation, and has made us a debtor nation;

Whereas, history proves government spending has never succeeded in curing an economic downturn, but rather serves only to deepen and prolong it, snowballing debt for future calamity;

Whereas, government takeovers of banks and financial institutions move America ever further from the free-enterprise principles that have brought the nation prosperity for 233 years, and bring it closer to Socialism;

Whereas, bailouts of private corporations represent a counterproductive response to what is, essentially, a government-induced crisis, and effectively make the President the CEO of private corporations;

Whereas, the current level of irresponsible government spending is bankrupting this country, burdening our children and great-grandchildren with never-ending debt, and making the United States a servant to lender nations such as Communist China;

Whereas, redistribution of wealth by government for the purpose of achieving "social justice" is immoral and a proven failure;

We hereby demand an end to all further "stimulus" spending, corporate bailouts, "earmarks," pork projects, welfare programs, higher tax rates and attempts to nationalize industries. We reject socialism, no matter how it is packaged. And we pledge to hold accountable any and all elected officials who continue to pursue this course that is rapidly leading America to ruin. We remind the government that we are guaranteed a Republican form of Government in the constitution. (Article 4, Section 4)

We hereby petition Congress to repeal the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 which unconstitutionally delegated to the Executive Branch the spending decision of 700 Billion dollars. We call on the government to immediately divest itself of GM, AIG, and all private corporations, and to provide an exact accounting of all TARP funds spent to date. We demand the repeal of H.R. 1106, which forces American families pay the mortgage for those who received loans they did not qualify for.

We petition Congress to repeal the Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2009 (H.R. 1105), and that the budget bill under consideration be killed which has a net tax hike of \$1.35 trillion.

We petition Congress for passage of H.R. 450 the Enumerated Powers Act, to require Congress to specify the source of authority under the United States Constitution for the enactment of laws, and for other purposes.

We petition Congress for a final end to the death tax which effectively double taxes every citizen's income and usurps our right to transfer wealth to our posterity. This abridges our constitutional right to be safe in our effects, papers and property.

We reject the cap-and-trade energy tax, which Candidate Obama admitted would "cause electricity rates to skyrocket."

We reject the Food Safety Modernization Act of 2009 which will force onerous certification and inspection requirements on family farms and could make private vegetable gardens unlawful and turn the farmers market into a black market. (H.R. 875)

We reject the deceptively named Employee Free Choice Act which takes from the American worker the right to privately ballot whether to organize labor, or not, and makes them subject to union intimidation and bullying. (H.R. 800)

We reject the so called "Ted Kennedy Serve America Act" which forces our youth into involuntary servitude and subjects them to years of indoctrination. This is a violation of the 13th Amendment to our constitution which abolished slavery and involuntary servitude except when duly convicted of a crime. (H.R. 1388)